SENATE CHAMBER, AUSTIN, TEXAS, Friday, July 22, 1870.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. President Don Campbell presiding. Roll called; quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read, corrected and approved, as follows: Senate bill No. 191, "An Act to incorporate the North Texas Railroad Company," amend section six, line two, by striking out "fifty"

and inserting in lieu thereof "one hundred."

Message from the House by Chief Clerk: House bill No. 441, "An Act for the permanent location of the county seat of Refugio county;" House bill No. 164, "An Act to incorporate the Society Los Indisolubles of the city of San Antonio;" House bill No. 65, "An Act to incorporate the Gulf Land Company of Galveston, Texas;" House bill No. 86, "An Act to incorporate the town of Canton, in Van Zandt county;" House bill No. 64, "An Act to relinquish the title and to confirm the patents to certain lands therein named;" House bill No. 53, "An Act to incorporate the Jefferson Insurance, Savings and Exchange Company;" House bill No. 51, "An Act to incorporate the town of Bonham, in Fannin county;" House bill No. 46, "An Act to incorporate the Powell Bridge Company, in Navarro county;" House bill No. 24, "An Act to authorize John Ferrill and J. J. T. Wright to keep a ferry on Big Cypress. Bayou;" House bill No. 41, "An Act to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Building and Exchange Company of Texas;" House bill No. 44, "An Act to incorporate the Firemen's Insurance Company of Galveston;" House bill No. 49, "An Act to authorize B. P. Riddle and James Blackburn to erect a toll bridge on Neches river;" also, that the Speaker had signed, in open session, enrolled bill, "An Act reviving the act incorporating the Galveston Dry Dock Company, and the subsequent laws in relation thereto, approved February 16, 1852, February 7, 1853, and February 8, 1858;" enrolled bill, "An Act to prescribe the time of the annual meeting of the Legislature;" enrolled bill, "An Act legalizing the acts of . the Police Court of Goliad county in acting under the acts of the Legislature of 1866," whereupon they were signed by the President. and returned to the House.

Message from the House informing the Senate the Speaker had appointed a committee of five to draft a suitable school bill, and asked the appointment of a like committee on the part of the Senate.

Petition by Senator Ruby: Petition of members of the bar and citizens of Galveston, praying that the Legislature define the powers and duties of district clerks in probate matters, and for relief. Read and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Report from Committee on Engrossment:

COMMITTEE ROOM, Austin, July 22, 1870.

To Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, having examined and compared Senate bill No. 189, "to incorporate the Harrison County Agricultural and Mechanical Association," also Senate bill No. 169, "to incorporate the Comal Cemetery Association," also Senate bill No. 258, "to authorize clerks of the district courts, their deputies, and notaries public to take acknowldgements of deeds and other written instruments," and Senate bill No. 200, "to authorize county courts to levy a read tax, and to improve roads and bridges,," find the same to be correctly engrossed.

G. T. RUBY, E. L. DOHONEY. P. W. HALL.

Report of Committee on Judiciary:

Committee Room, Austin, July 20, 1870.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of Senate:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill No. 293, entitled "An Act authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent for certain lands," have carefully considered the same and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

M. PRIEST, Chairman of Committee.

Laid over under the rules.

Committee Room, Austin, July 21, 1870.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of Senate:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 160, entitled "An Act amendatory of and supplementary to an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Young Men's Real Estate

and Building Association of Houston," have carefully considered the same, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with accompanying amendment, and recommend its passage.

M. PRIEST,

Chairman of Committee:

Amend by striking out all of section two. Laid over under the rules.

Special order:

The hour for special order having arrived for consideration of the Governor's veto on Senate bill No. 94, "An Act to expedite the construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad."

Pending discussion.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of special order, House bill No. 169, on motion of Senator Bowers, it was made the special order for Monday, July 25, at eleven o'clock A. M.

Pending discussion,

On motion of Senator Priest, the Senate took a recess for ten minutes.

In Senate, 12:30 P. M.

Quorum present. Pending discussion,

On motion of Senator Flanagan, the Senate adjourned to ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.